pond for three units fuel handling system for three units intake pumps and pipeline for five units and switchyard for five units.

The per megawatt generation cost for the Bakreshwar project would be comparable with the prevailing average per megawatt cost if the cost for additional provisions, fly ash utilisation, ocean freight and insurance and custom duty are not taken into account.

The cost of the 400 MW station at Faridabad has been estimated at Japanese Yen 46 billion approx. at current price level and Japanese Yen 61 billion approx. including price escalations and contingencies during the project implementation period. These cost estimates are based on the actual contract award price of the latest comparable Gas Power Project of NTPC under implementation.

Amount owed by NTPC to GAIL

2697. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation owes huge amount to the Gas Authority of India Ltd.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the GAIL, because of non-payment of dues have stopped gas supply to the two gas-based power generation plants being run by the NTPC; and

(c) if so, what steps have Government taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) owed Rs. 114.50 crores to Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) as on end July, 1993.

(b) and (c) GAIL stopped supply of gas to Kawas Gas project of NTPC in Gujarat from 3rd August, 1993 for non-payment of its dues under the advance payment system. After release of part payment by NTPC, the gas supply to the project was restored on 4th August, 1993. GAIL had also restricted supplies to the Anta and Auraiya gas based power projects of NTPC in July and August this year for non-payment of dues. After mutual agreement on the liquidation of these dues these restrictions have since been lifted with effect from August 7, 1993.

CEA clearance for Ranigunta Power Project

2698. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought techno-economic clearance from the Central Electricity Authority for setting up of a diesel power station at Renigunta;

(b) whether the CEA has received all the required formalities from Andhra Pradesh Government in this regard;

(c) when will the clearance be granted; and

(d) full details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board in March, 1990 had forwarded a draft feasibility report for installation of a 100 MW Oil based Diesel Engine Power Plant at Renigunta (Distt. Chittoor) for techno-economic clearance. Due to non-availability of Oil, the case was not being processed since January, 1991. As Government of India has decanalised the import of LSHS, the proposal is presently under consideration in Central Electricity Authority.